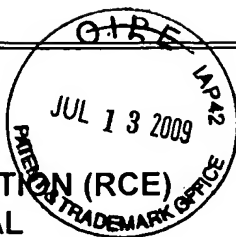


**REQUEST
for
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Address to:
Mail Stop RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450



Application Number	10/539,234
Filing Date	July 15, 2005
First Named Inventor	Shirou MAEDA et al.
Group Art Unit	1616
Examiner Name	Nathan W. Schlientz
Attorney Docket Number	2005_0752A
Confirmation No.	7412

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114** -- Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

a. ☒ Previously submitted. If a final Office Action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office Action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

- i. ☐ Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
ii. ☐ Other_

b. ☒ Enclosed:

- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
iv. ☒ Other Petition for Extension of Time

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required).

b. ☐ Other_

3. **Fees** (The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)

a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, any underpayments of fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. .

- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and § 1.17)
iii. ☐ Other_

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b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$1,170.00* enclosed

- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and § 1.17)
iii. ☐ Other_

4. **CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS**

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July 13, 2009

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or to credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 23-0975, with the EXCEPTION of deficiencies in fees for multiple dependent claims in new applications.

*The extension fee for the first month (\$130) was paid with the Amendment filed on June 15, 2009, and therefore is not included in the total.